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| In re Application of: |) |
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| LEONARD et al. |) Confirmation No.: 7087 |
| Application No.: 09/512,701 |) Group Art Unit: 1645 |
| Filed: February 25, 2000 |) Examiner: N. M. Minnifield |
| For: USE OF IL-12 ANTAGONISTS IN THE TREATMENT OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS |))) |
| Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | |
| Sir: | |

PETITION FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to file the enclosed Notice of Appeal in response to the Office Action of July 15, 2003. A fee of \$420.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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